

Appl. No. 10/034,227
Amdt. dated May 5, 2006
Reply to final Office action of March 8, 2006

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. CLAIM STATUS

Claims 65-76 and 78-85 were pending. Claims 65-73, 75, 78 and 79 have been canceled. Claims 74 and 76 have been amended. Claims 74, 76 and 80-85 remain pending.

The amendments to claims 74 and 76 are made solely to place these claims in independent form. The claim scopes are unchanged.

II. SPECIFICATION OBJECTIONS

The examiner objected to the amendments made in the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) for allegedly introducing new matter. Though applicant sought only to clarify the wording of a sentence that could be misleading as evidenced by the examiner's erroneous interpretation, applicant hereby cancels the sentence in its entirety. This cancellation is made to avoid mischaracterizing the prior art as the examiner has done and persists in doing despite the applicant's explanation of that sentence. With the deletion of this sentence comes the removal of any associated ambiguity, and accordingly there should be no question that there exists no "new matter" in this paragraph.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 65-73, 75, 78 and 79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arimilli in view of "Applicant's Admitted Prior Art" (hereafter, "Application Paragraph 9"), and further in view of *In re Harza*, 274 F.2d 669, 124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960). These claims have been canceled to expedite prosecution. This cancellation should not be taken as an endorsement of the examiner's mischaracterization of the prior art.

IV. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 74 and 76 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. They have been amended into independent form. These amendments do not raise new issues and merely place the claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the examiner's determinations as to patentability.

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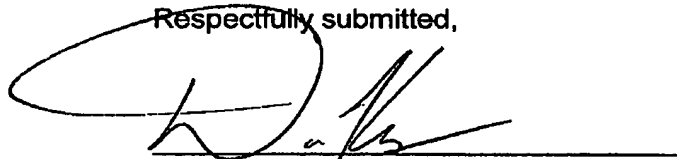
Claims 80-85 have been allowed.

V. CONCLUSION

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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